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Dear Friend,

I am distributing this survey as a way to gather information about constituent views regarding specific aspects of health care reform. This survey is not meant as an endorsement of any particular proposal.

Your responses to these questions will be kept confidential. Including your name and contact information is entirely optional and will only be used to provide updates from my office on upcoming legislation.

**Please circle your response to each question.**

**1. Are you satisfied with your health insurance plan?**

- Yes, I am satisfied with my private insurance
- Yes, I am satisfied with my combination of public and private coverage
- No
- Undecided
- I am not insured
- I am covered by a public insurance plan (like Medicare or Medicaid)

**2. Do you believe that our nation's health insurance system needs reforming?**

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

**3. Have you read any of the healthcare reform legislation currently being considered in the House of Representatives?**

- Yes
- No
- Some

**4. What should be the most important goal in reforming our nation's health system?**

- Making private insurance more affordable for Americans, including the 47 million uninsured individuals
- Making care more efficient by reducing waste and unnecessary treatments
- Shoring up the finances of Medicare and Medicaid
- Imposing caps on medical malpractice lawsuits

**5. If you believe that our nation's health insurance system needs reforming, what do you believe is the best way to reduce the number of uninsured Americans and reduce long-term health care costs?**

- Creating a health insurance plan, administered by the federal government, to compete on a level playing field with private insurers
- Creating nonprofit co-ops, operated by a non-governmental entity, to provide insurance to members and compete on a level playing field with private insurance companies
- Creating a single government plan to cover every American
- Expand eligibility for existing public programs like Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP
- Undecided
- No action necessary

**6. Do you support requiring all Americans to have health insurance?**

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

**7. Do you support prohibiting insurance companies from not offering insurance to people with preexisting conditions?**

- Yes, all people should have guaranteed access to health insurance
- No, insurance companies should be able to limit coverage to people with preexisting conditions
- Undecided

**8. Do you support creating a public health insurance plan, administered by the federal government, that would compete on a level playing field with private insurers, as long as people could keep their current insurance if they are happy with it?**

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

- 9. If a government-run, public health insurance option is created, do you support making the public option widely available to all Americans, or do you support implementing a “trigger” so it is only available in areas where choice is limited because one or two private insurers maintain a monopoly.**
- Widely available
  - Trigger
  - Undecided
- 10. Instead of creating a public health insurance option to compete with private insurers, do you support creating a nonprofit co-op system (as described in question 5b) that would offer insurance for members and compete with private insurers?**
- Yes
  - No
  - Undecided
- 11. Do you support requiring employers with a payroll over \$250,000 to contribute to their employees’ health benefits?**
- Yes
  - No
  - Undecided
- 12. Do you support passing health care reform even if it will add to our nation’s federal deficit, or do you only support passing health reform if it is revenue neutral and does not add to the deficit?**
- Yes, implement health reform even if it adds to the deficit
  - No, only implement health reform if it is revenue neutral and does not add to the deficit
  - Undecided
  - I do not support any health care reform, regardless of the cost
- 13. Roughly 164 million of Americans receive their health insurance from their employers. Do you support taxing employer provided benefits to help finance healthcare reform?**
- Yes
  - No
  - Undecided
- 14. Do you support imposing a surcharge on families making over \$1 million, rather than taxing employer provided benefits, to help pay for healthcare reform?**
- Yes
  - No
  - Undecided

15. Please describe your general philosophy on healthcare, health insurance reform, and share with me any other thoughts you have that are important on this issue. Thank you!

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A lot of terms have been used to describe health reform proposals. I am curious – when you hear the terms listed below, what do you believe is the meaning and/or definition? There are no right or wrong answers, I am just trying to gauge constituent viewpoints.

16. Single Payer: \_\_\_\_\_

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17. Socialized medicine: \_\_\_\_\_

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18. Public Option: \_\_\_\_\_

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19. Universal Coverage: \_\_\_\_\_

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20. Health Care status quo: \_\_\_\_\_

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Very truly yours,



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